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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

SUMMARY: TURKISH-GREEK CYPRIOT TALKS RE CYPRUS TO RESUME. HAK REPORTS HE COVERED ALL ASPECTS OF POSSIBLE NEW AGREEMENT ON SINAI WITH ISRAELI LEADERS. SADAT SAYS POSSIBLE HAK MIGHT FAIL IN CURRENT MISSION. KALB REPORTS HAK IS VERY WORRIED ABOUT INDOCHINA.

R/TV - MARVIN KALB, CBS RADIO - ANKARA: HAK MET ONCE AGAIN WITH FM ESENBEL AND PM IRMAK SEEKING ENOUGH DIPLOMATIC PROGRESS TO INFLUENCE THE UN VOTE ON CYPRUS TODAY AND TO SET-UP A NEW ROUND OF GREEK-TURKISH TALKS DESIGNED TO EASE THE CRISIS ON THE ISLAND. WHATEVER HIS ORIGINAL INTENTION, HAK HAS NOW BECOME A DIPLOMATIC MIDDLE-MAN BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY. HE IS GOING TO DISPATCH HIS EUROPEAN DEPUTY ARTHUR HARTMAN TO ATHENS TO REPORT TO THE GREEK GOVT ON HIS ANKARA TALKS. HAK MAY THEN BREAK INTO HIS ME SHUTTLE TO FLY TO BRUSSELS ONCE AGAIN FOR FOLLOW-UP TALKS WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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GREEK FM BITSIOS. THE SECRETARY OBVIOUSLY HOPES HIS EXHAUSTING DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS IN THIS CONNECTION WILL PERSUADE THE TURKS TO MAINTAIN AMERICAN MILITARY AND

INTELLIGENCE BASES HERE AND PERSUADE CONGRESS IN TURN TO LIFT THE BAN ON AMERICAN MILITARY DELIVERIES TO TURKEY.

KALB, CBS RADIO - ANKARA. EXCERPTS ...THE PALESTINIANS STRUCK IN TEL AVIV LAST WEEK, BUT ISRAELI CABINET HAS ASTONISHED EVERYONE INCLUDING HAK BY HOLDING BACK ITS FIRE, NO REPRISALS AS YET. EGYPTIAN PRESS OFFERED FAINT RHETORICAL SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN RAID BUT EGYPTIAN GOVT OFFERED EVEN LESS. SYRIAN GOVT WAS PREDICTABLY ON PALESTINIAN SIDE BUT IT OFFERED AN INTERESTING PROPOSAL FOR A UNIFIED SYRIAN AND PALESTINIAN COMMAND. AMERICANS AND ISRAELIS SEE DARK MOTIVATIONS IN THIS PROPOSAL AND THEY MAY BE RIGHT BUT SYRIANS CAUTION VISITING REPORTERS TO LOOK MORE CAREFULLY AT POSSIBILITY. THEY CLAIM THAT A UNIFIED POLITICAL COMMAND YIELDS POSSIBILITY OF OVERCOMING PROBLEM OF PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION AT A RECONVENED GENEVA CONFERENCE. ISRAELIS SAY THEY WILL NOT ATTEND IF PALESTINIANS COME AS AN INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGN PARTY ADDING IF THEY COME AS PART OF JORDANIAN DELEGATION, ISRAEL WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION. SYRIANS MAY BE WORKING ON A VARIATION OF THAT THEME INVITING PALESTINIANS TO COME AS PART OF SYRIAN DELEGATION. ISRAELIS WHO SEEM VERY SOMBER ABOUT THIS NEGOTIATION ARE QUIETLY CONSIDERING THIS POSSIBILITY THOUGH THEIR INITIAL PUBLIC REACTION HAS BEEN NEGATIVE. ...HAK SEEMS TO BE MAKING MORE PROGRESS IN PRIVATE THAN HE IS PREPARED TO ADMIT IN PUBLIC, TRYING IF POSSIBLE TO STRIKE FOR QUICK AND DRAMATIC RESULTS BEFORE THE TIMID, THE FRIGHTENED OR THE RADICALIZED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI FENCE JOIN FORCES UNWITTINGLY PERHAPS TO FRUSTRATE ACHIEVEMENT OF A BREAKTHROUGH AGREEMENT ON THE SINAI...

WIRES

1. UPI, ANKARA: TURKISH FM ESENBEL ANNOUNCED TODAY AFTER MEETINGS WITH HAK THAT TALKS BETWEEN TURKISH AND GREEK CYPRIOTS OVER FUTURE OF CYPRUS WOULD BE RESUMED "VERY UNCLASSIFIED

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SHORTLY". HE CALLED A NEWS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE MOVE AFTER HIS THIRD MEETING WITH HAK IN LESS THAN 24 HOURS. HAK'S MAIN AIM WAS TO GET TALKS GOING AGAIN...

SPEAKING AS HAK CALLED ON OTHER TURKISH LEADERS, ESENBEL TOLD NEWSMEN, "TALKS WILL BE RESUMED VERY SHORTLY BETWEEN TURKISH AND GREEK CYPRIOTS. IN TIME WHEN THERE HAS BEEN ENOUGH PROGRESS TURKEY WILL BE READY TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREECE."

IN A VISIT MARKED BY SEVERAL ANTI-AMERICAN MANIFESTATIONS HAK MET TODAY WITH ECEVIT AND A NUMBER OF MINORITY PARTIES BEFORE SEEING PRESIDENT FAHRI KORUTURK.

POLICE SAID TODAY FIVE MEMBERS OF LEFTIST TURKISH LABOR PARTY WERE ARRESTED MONDAY PASTING POSTERS ON WALLS PROTESTING HAK'S VISIT. POLICE SAID TWO STICKS OF DYNAMITE WERE HURLED FROM A SPEEDING AUTO AT U.S. CONSULATE IN ISTANBUL MONDAY TO PROTEST HAK'S VISIT. ONLY ONE OF THE STICKS EXPLODED, CAUSING SLIGHT DAMAGE TO A WALL SURROUNDING BLDG.

2. AP, SCHWEID, ANKARA; H'AK RESUMES HIS ARAB-ISRAELI SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY TODAY AFTER URGING TURKISH LEADERS TO AGREE TO A REVIVAL OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN NEW YORK OR VIENNA... BUT MEMBERS OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL WERE STANDING BY IN N.Y. IN HOPES THAT A MESSAGE FROM ANKARA WOULD PERMIT ADOPTION OF A RES AND CONCLUSION OF THEIR THREE-WEEK DEBATE ON CRISIS RESULTING FROM PROCLAMATION OF A SEPARATE TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE.

ADDITION TO R/TV - MID MORNING, KALB, CBS-TV: HAK IS VERY WORRIED ABOUT INDOCHINA. HAK READS PRESSING INTELLIGENCE REPORTS FROM CAMBODIA AND SVN. HE HAS JUST ABOUT GIVEN UP HOPE THAT CONGRESS WILL APPROPRIATE ENOUGH MONEY FOR MILITARY AID TO CAMBODIA, IN WHICH CASE HE EXPECTS GOVT OF LON NOL TO COLLAPSE FAIRLY SOON. BUT HIS MORE FUNDAMENTAL CONCERN IS ABOUT SVN., PARTICULARLY UPSURGE OF COMMUNIST ATTACKS. HE SUSPECTS THAT HANOI MIGHT NOW BE OPENING A MAJOR OFFENSIVE WITH TWO PURPOSES AT LEAST: UNCLASSIFIED

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ONE TO STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNIST MILITARY POSITION IN WESTERN BORDERS OF COUNTRY AND, TWO, TO DISCOURAGE U.S. FROM SENDING FURTHER ECONOMIC OR MILITARY SUPPORT TO SAIGON REGIME. HAK HAS ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT A COUNTRY'S NEGOTIATING STRENGTH IS DIRECTLY TIED TO ITS MILITARY STRENGTH, MEANING THAT IF COMMUNISITS ARE WINNING ON BATTLEGROUND THERE IS NO WAY THE ANTI-COMMUNISTS CAN WIN ANYTHING AT NEGOTIATING TABLE.

NEWSPAPERS

1. NYDAILY NEWS PAGE 2, CARTER, ANKARA - 3 COLUMN PIC HAK FLANKED ALLON AND KEATING - EXCERPTS - HAK FLEW TO TURKEY TODAY FOR TALKS ABOUT CYPRUS, GIVING ISRAELIS A DAY ALONE TO PONDER WHAT A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL DESCRIBED AS A VERY MAJOR DECISION.

HAK HOPED TO GET A NEGOTIATING PROCESS STARTED BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE FOR SETTLEMENT OF CYPRUS PROBLEM, AND ALSO TO SALVE TURKEY'S FEELINGS, HURT BY CONGRESS' CUT-OFF OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

...ON THE FLIGHT FROM JERUSALEM TO ANKARA, HAK SAID THAT "WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED NO UNANTICIPATED PROBLEMS" IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SECOND-STAGE DISENGAGEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT.

BUT A SENIOR OFFICIAL ON HAK'S AIRPLANE SAID THAT ISRAELIS NOW WERE COMING FACE TO FACE WITH A DIFFICULT DECISION.

THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT DECISION CONCERNED HOW TO BRING SYRIA INTO NEGOTIATIONS SO THAT IT WOULD NOT TRY TO TORPEDO THEM.JERUSALEM POST REPORTED THIS MORNING THAT HAK WAS TRYING TO WORK OUT A BROAD INTERIM ME SETTLEMENT THAT WOULD BRING IN SYRIA, RATHER THAN MERELY A SECOND-STAGE SINAI DISENGAGEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL.

OFFICIALS ON HAK'S PLANE DECLINED DIRECT COMMENT ON ISRAELI NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT. BUT THE SENIOR OFFICIAL WHO SAID ISRAELIS FACED A TOUGH DECISION ADDED THAT "IF WHAT NEWSPAPERS REPORT IS CORRECT, IT IS A SIGNIFICANT POLI-UNCLASSIFIED

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TICAL DECISION FOR THEM."

ISRAELI OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED A NEW CONCERN. IT IS THAT THE SHAH OF IRAN, WHO PROMISED HAK DURING A MEETING IN ZURICH LAST MONTH THAT HE WOULD SUPPLY ANY OIL THAT ISRAEL LOST BY GIVING UP THE ABU RUDEIS OIL FIELDS, IN SINAI, MIGHT CHANGE HIS MIND...

2. NYT, PAGE ONE, GWERTZMAN, ANKARA: HAK COVERED ALL ASPECTS OF A POSSIBLE NEW EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT IN MEETINGS THIS MORNING WITH WARY ISRAELI LEADERS. HE THEN FLEW TO ANKARA TO URGE TURKEY TO TAKE STEPS TO REOPEN CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS.

THE SESSIONS WITH ISRAELI LEADERS WERE DESCRIBED BY ISRAELIS AND AMERICANS AS VERY INTENSE, SERIOUS AND TOUGH, WITH ISRAELIS EXPRESSING DEEP CONCERN TO HAK OVER THEIR NEED TO RECEIVE SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL CONCESSIONS FROM EGYPT IF THEY ARE TO GIVE UP STRATEGIC SINAI MOUNTAIN PASSES AND ECONOMICALLY-IMPORTANT OILFIELD IN NEXT ACCORD.

IN ASWAN, PRESIDENT SADAT SAID THAT THERE WAS A SERIOUS CHANCE THAT HAK MIGHT FAIL IN HIS CURRENT MISSION.

...ISRAELI LEADERS EXPRESSED PARTICULAR ALARM TO HAK ABOUT SUDDEN RECONCILIATION BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ, WHICH HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY WHAT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS IRANIAN ACQUIESCENCE IN A FULL IRAQI MILITARY CAMPAIGN TO DESTROY KURDISH REBELLION...

...IN DESCRIBING TALKS HE HAS HELD WITH ISRAELI AND

EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS, HAK HAS BEEN CAUTIOUS AND HAS ADVISED REPORTERS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED.

"WE ARE IN BEGINNING OF A NEGOTIATION WHICH WILL GO ON FOR SOME TIME. WE ARE VERY CAREFULLY EXAMINING ALL ELEMENTS AND IDEAS THAT GO INTO AN AGREEMENT. TALKS WERE IN A FRIENDLY AND COMRADELY ATMOSPHERE. WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED NO UNANTICIPATED PROBLEMS."

HAK ALSO MADE AN UNUSUAL APPEAL FOR REPORTERS TO UNDER-
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STAND NECESSITY FOR ALL SIDES TO KEEP THEIR TALKS SECRET IN THIS PRELIMINARY STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS.

IF THERE EVER WAS A TIME FOR "QUIET DIPLOMACY", HE SAID, IT WAS NOW, AND "YOU CAN'T EXPECT A DAILY PROGRESS REPORT DURING THIS PERIOD OF EXPLORATION..."

3. WP, BERGER, PAGE ONE, ANAKARA: HAK BEGAN A 24-HOUR DETOUR FROM ME TODAY, LEAVING ISRAELI GOVT TO FACE A "MAJOR DECISION" ON SIGNIFICANT STRATEGIC PULLBACK.

THIS CHARACTERIZATION WAS MADE BY A MEMBER OF HAK PARTY. ...ISRAELI OFFICIALS SUGGESTED THAT NO DECISIVE ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN AT THIS POINT, BUT THAT CABINET COULD BE EXPECTED TO PONDER INFORMALLY VARIOUS CONTINGENCIES.

...REPORTERS WERE TOLD THAT HAK IS STILL TRYING TO ESTABLISH GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF MAIN ELEMENTS OF NEGOTIATIONS AND HAS NOT YET GOTTEN DOWN TO BRINGING TWO SIDES TOGETHER OR WRITING SPECIFIC CLAUSES.

...BUT DISCUSSIONS WITH DIPLOMATS INVOLVED IN TALKS LEAVE IMPRESSION THAT ISRAELIS AND EGYPTIANS ARE IN SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT ABOUT GENERAL SHAPE OF AN ACCORD, WHICH HAK IS SAID TO BE IN PROCESS OF REFINING.

...SADAT HAS SAID THERE WOULD BE HARD NEGOTIATIONS.

BBC REPORTED TODAY THAT EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT HAS ALREADY BEGUN EXTENSIVE MEETINGS WITH TOP MINISTERS AND ADVISERS IN WHAT IS INTERPRETED AS A MOVETO PREPARE HIS PEOPLE

FOR A NEW DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL.

...REPORTERS WERE TOLD THAT HAK HAS NEVER FOUND ISRAELIS MORE SERIOUS AND MORE CONCERNED.

...AFTER HAK HAS RESULTS OF ISRAELI DELIBERATIONS AND SEES SADAT IN ASWAN ON THURSDAY, REPORTERS WERE TOLD, NEGOTIATIONS COULD SPEED UP AND BECOME MORE CONCRETE.

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"THIS IS A TIME FOR QUIET DIPLOMACY," HAK SAID.

4. BALT SUN, MILLS, ANKARA: HAK ARRIVED HERE YESTERDAY LEAVING ISRAELI LEADERS A DAY TO THINK OVER ELEMENTS THAT MIGHT GO INTO A NEW ME PEACE AGREEMENT WHILE HE GRAPPLES WITH CYPRUS QUESTION.

...HAK INDICATED TO REPORTERS ABOARD FLIGHT FROM JERUSALEM HERE THAT TALKS WITH ISRAELIS--LIKE THOSE EARLIER WITH PRESIDENT SADAT--HAVE GONE AS WELL AS HE HAD EXPECTED.

...HAK WARNED REPORTERS IN FACT TO EXPECT FEW DETAILS FOR SOME TIME ON PROGRESS OF TALKS.

... ON BASIS OF SCANTY INFO GIVEN TO REPORTERS, IT WAS DIFFICULT TO GUESS EXTENT OF ANY AGREEMENT TWO SIDES ARE TALKING ABOUT, OR EVEN WHETHER TI WOULD BE LIMITED TO TWO SIDES...

...BUT AMERICAN OFFICIALS NEVER HAVE RULED OUT POSSIBILITY OF SOMEHOW ENGAGING SYRIA IN NEGOTIATIONS AS WELL OR AT LEAST OF DEVISING A FORMULA THAT WOULD LINK AN ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT TO FUTURE ISRAELI-SYRIAN TALKS. BUT ISRAELIS HAVE STRONGLY OPPOSED THIS IDEA.

A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID THE TALKS SO FAR HAVE CENTERED ON ESTABLISHING A GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF CHIEF INGREDIENTS OF AN AGREEMENT. ISRAEL AND EGYPT, THE OFFICIAL SAID, ARE NOT YET AT STAGE OF DISCUSSING SPECIFIC PHRASES.

OFFICIALS SAID HAK PARTY PROBABLY WILL BE BACK IN DAMASCUS SUNDAY TO REPORT AGAIN TO ASSAD, ON DEVELOPMENTS. INGERSOLL

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